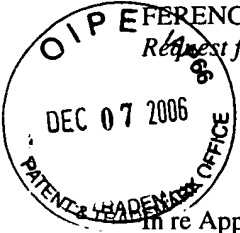


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Request for Continued Examination

Atty. Docket No. YOR920010425US1
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Chaudhari et al.
Serial No. : 09/931,316 Examiner : M. Lerner
Filed : August 16, 2001 Art Unit : 2654
For : METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR THE SYSTEMATIC
ADAPTATION OF CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS FROM SPARSE
ADAPTATION DATA

HON. COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-identified application.

1.

Extension of Time

- ☐ No extension of time is needed.
- ☒ Applicant requests an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed.
- ☒ In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence and any documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" EV736793677US under 37 C.F.R. 1.10, addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450 on December 7, 2006.

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2 **Submission Required Under 37 CFR 1.114**

- ☐ Previously submitted
☐ Please enter the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on August 7, 2006.
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____.
☐ Other ____.
- ☒ Enclosed
☒ Amendment/Reply
☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
☐ Other ____.

3. **Miscellaneous**

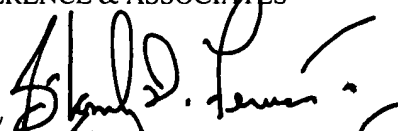
- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months.
- ☐ Other ____.

4. **Fees**

- ☐ Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$____ to cover the RCE fee.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$790 RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) to Deposit Account No. 50-0510.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully submitted,

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